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Staff meeting.

I presided for a time over a conference attended by Selwyn Lloyd and his British associates, together with representatives of the State Department, to discuss Lloyd's recent visit to Korea. He was favorably impressed by the present management of the prison camps. He thought [redacted] General Mark Clark should have a political adviser on Korean matters attached to him. The British also wish a Britisher on General Clark's staff, perhaps as Deputy Chief of Staff.

At 1:00 o'clock I gave a lunch for the same group at Blair House.

I was briefed at noon for my meeting with the President. I took up two matters with him [redacted]

First, the question of a second conversation with Ambassador Bowles during the latter's visit here. The President said [redacted] he had made no commitment to Bowles regarding aid to India, and [redacted] nothing was covered in his second conversation which was not completely taken care of by the minutes of his first conversation with Bowles, which we have in our possession.

The second question concerned the Lattimore case. The President said [redacted] he thought if the investigation of the charges against Lattimore proved unfounded the Department ~~should make an ample apology to him.~~ He also stated [redacted] such a procedure as had been followed by Mrs. Shipley in dealing with this matter should never again ~~be practiced unless it~~ had met with prior approval of the highest officers in the Department.

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From our lunch, Messrs. Lloyd, Matthews and myself went to the Pentagon, where we conferred with Lord Alexander, General Bradley and Bill Foster.

While I was there, Jack McFall called me to say ~~that~~ Senator Hickenlooper had introduced a reservation to the Senate's ratification of the General Convention on Relations with the German Federal Republic. He asked me to call Senator Connally immediately on the subject. I did, and Senator Connally read me the language of the proposed reservation. I observed that, from the State Department's point of view, such a reservation, if adopted, would be disastrous. The Senator said ~~that~~ I should come down and tell the Committee why we would regard it as such.

As a consequence, I went to the Capitol and found that before my arrival Senator Hickenlooper had revised his language, but it still remained highly objectionable. I told Senators Connally, Wiley, Smith, Hickenlooper, George, Sparkman, Fulbright and Gillette that the ratification by the Senate not only of this treaty but the protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty was of the utmost importance and, ~~therefore~~ if any reservations were attached to their action, the undoubted result would be that foreign parliaments would also insist on reservations (which they might do in any case). It seemed to me ~~that~~ Senator Hickenlooper's chief interest was to limit the power of the President to send additional troops abroad. ~~If~~ such were true, a fundamental question of the interpretation of the United States Constitution was involved. It would be better to deal with that question directly, rather than to approach it in this tortuous and ineffective manner, ~~that he confined~~ confined to its application to a specific treaty.

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After a great deal of debate between the Senators, half of Hickenlooper's proposed reservation was rejected but what remained and was adopted by the Committee by a 6 to 3 vote--Senators Connally, Sparkman and Fulbright being in opposition--was disturbing.

When I returned to the office we had a meeting with Tom Finletter, Frank Nash, and others from the Defense Department, and members of our own organization on the French air base negotiations. This is a [redacted] difficult matter to settle, and it was agreed that Messrs. Nash and Arneson would try to draw up a cable of instructions to be approved by the two Departments to be sent to Dunn in Paris. Early in July, someone from the Air Force will join George Perkins in Paris to pursue these negotiations, under Dunn's jurisdiction, with the French Government. Involved herein, as was the case in Great Britain, is the question of whether we can stock atomic weapons on metropolitan French, and perhaps Moroccan, air bases, and whether, in the event we wish to strike against an aggressor, we would need prior clearance from the French Government.

E. and I went to dinner at the Pentagon, where the Fosters had a lot of guests to see a moving picture made by Howard Hughes with the assistance of the Air Force and the Army on the subject of combat in Korea. It was called something like "One Minute Before Zero". The reason we had been invited was to get an opinion as ~~to whether one of the scenes which~~ depicted refugees being shelled by U.S. artillery would have a bad propaganda effect if it were retained in the picture. Ira Baker, an adviser to Hughes, explained why these shots were deemed by Hughes vital to the picture. They showed [redacted] pushing pistols, machine guns, and rifles into the backs of refugees and hiding arms in refugees'

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baggage, the North Koreans and Chinese infiltrated our lines with soldiers disguised as civilians. The general consensus was [redacted] there was no objection to the picture being shown since it would be easy to fake the parts [redacted] under criticism if the enemy desired to do so.

When I got home about midnight I found a call from Joe Short, who wanted to talk to me about the Lattimore case.

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